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Wildcats win Battle



Michael Bennett/Observer

Central Washington University beat Western Washington University in the inaugural Battle in Seattle Saturday Oct. 4 at Seahawk Stadium. See page 15

President McIntyre addresses University

by Jennifer Allen
Staff reporter

Central Washington University dealt with economic upheaval and shrinking budgets during the 2002-2003 academic year. Discussing the budget challenges, Central's President Jerilyn S. McIntyre addressed an audience of mostly faculty and staff at McConnell Auditorium on Oct. 2 for the third annual State of the University Address. The capstone to the previous academic year, the address summarized successes and challenges and established goals for the current academic year.

McIntyre emphasized Central must overcome major challenges and do more for more students with fewer resources and funding.

"As we think about appropriate transformations of the way we do things, we should think not just about change for change's sake, but about



Michael Bennett/Observer

President Jerilyn McIntyre addresses the crowd in McConnell auditorium.

change that reinforces our commitment to excellence in all aspects of academic and campus life," McIntyre said.

McIntyre illustrated how Central did more with less: nearly all of the

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Buildings renamed for former Central staff

by Erik Swenningson
Staff reporter

In mid November two buildings on the Central Washington University campus will be renamed to honor two long-standing members of the Central community.

The main library, which currently has no name associated with it, will be named after former Central President James Brooks at 2 p.m. on Nov. 15 in the library. Founder and former department chair of the Theatre Arts department, Milo Smith, will have the Tower Theater dedicated in his honor on Nov. 13.

"I am very pleased and my family is very pleased," Brooks said. "It is a real honor to have a building on campus named after you, but the library is really a special honor. Old time academicians like myself believe the library is the center of a campus."

The proposal to name the library

after him came from former Central Board of Trustees member Roy Wahle.

Paul Baker, vice president of university relations at Central, said Wahle made the formal request for the dedication. Wahle then rallied the support of past students, faculty and staff and generated more than 40 letters of support.

Brooks was most instrumental in the building of the current library, getting books, magazines, fund raising and as a member of the "Friends of the Library," during his tenure as president of Central.

Brooks is the only graduate of Central to be hired as president (1961 to 1978) and the youngest president at age 35. Brooks turns 78 on Friday. He said he and his wife are still active with "Friends of the Library," helping raise funds to cover increasing costs of maintain-

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Website nears completion

by Kenneth Max Brooks
Staff reporter

The Central Washington University homepage (www.cwu.edu) is getting a facelift as Central attempts to create a more cohesive and useful tool for students, faculty and alumni, and provide more access to those with disabilities.

The move was initiated last spring by President Jerilyn McIntyre and trustees of the university.

"The University received a couple different one time funding packages from the legislature, for the purpose of increasing enrollment, and is all part of an integrated marketing plan," Mark Anderson, director of marketing and public relations said.

The webmaster, Jesse Days, is currently about two-thirds of the

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Word on the street

How do you feel about campus construction?



“It’s necessary, however, it could be done at a better time.”

—Emily Corak, sophomore elementary and special education major



“They’re doing a good job and they try to work around students as best as possible.”

—Darin Palmer, senior construction management major



“It’s noisy and dusty and we try to avoid it.”

—Jessica Printy, senior biology major and Emily Lang, senior business major

UNIVERSITY: McIntyre speaks on diversity and campus construction

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330 student slots cut from Central’s enrollment base three years ago were restored, professors and associate professors’ wages increased, faculty and students received a record \$6,590,000 in grants, private fundraising efforts garnered 111 percent more than the previous year, and fundraisers brought in \$2.5 million for scholarships.

Despite fewer state provided resources, the student retention level increased by two percent. McIntyre said this fall’s enrollment is the highest in Central’s history, due in part to a large senior class. At McIntyre’s request, the freshman class was limited to the number of freshman enrolled last fall.

“One thing that I didn’t realize, that the record number of students this year was due to increased retention and not just to a larger freshman class,” David Gee, family and consumer sciences professor, said. “This is a wonderful accomplishment for this university.”

McIntyre then turned toward Central’s challenges and goals for the coming year. She stressed providing a

“

It’s [construction] going to change the face of campus

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Jerilyn McIntyre
President

quality experience for students including establishing a consistent and meaningful marketing campaign to increase Central’s visibility and increasing student diversity. Overall, McIntyre said, the level of diversity has increased from 14.1 to 14.7 percent, but improving diversity is still a major concern.

“I would like to see more diversity in our student body, in our faculty, and in our academic programs, though all of which are slowly growing,” Charles Li, associate English professor, said. “Solid work toward educa-

tional globalization at Central that President McIntyre has called for will necessarily quicken the diversity steps, despite the university’s location.”

McIntyre noted that major construction projects began last year to improve Central’s image, safety and appeal. Projects include the new student union and music buildings and remodeled buildings included Kamola Hall and McConnell Auditorium. Plans to remodel Tunstall, Depot Deli and Sue Lombard are in development.

“It’s going to change the face of the campus, and I really think for the better,” McIntyre said.

According to Erin Lambert, senior public relations major, aside from the Associated Student of Central Washington University Board of Directors (ASCWU/BOD), the large crowd contained few students.

Lambert proposed the low student attendance might have been due to poor publicity and student apathy.

“Since [the students] are the ones who benefit from this, you would expect a better turnout,” Lambert said.

Community to clean-up river

Prizes will be awarded to participants at the 31st Annual Yakima River Clean-up

by George Hawley
Asst. News editor

The Civic Engagement and Leadership Development Center (CELDC) is sponsoring an event for all of the community’s environmentally conscious citizens.

On Saturday, those interested may take part in the 31st Annual Yakima River Clean-Up.

The event will take place from 8 a.m. until noon. Volunteers are to meet in the Samuelson Union Building (SUB) parking lot where

they will receive free coffee and doughnuts. They will then be transported to those parts of the Yakima River most in need of cleaning. A free barbeque for all volunteers will follow the clean-up.

“This event is the result of hundreds of hours of work, beginning early in the summer,” Lorinda Anderson, director for Civic Engagement, said. “This is truly a collaborative effort between the campus and community.”

Each year the Yakima River Clean

Up draws approximately 200 participants. The city sheriff, the Kittitas County Department of Ecology, the Residence Hall Association and the CELDC, all took part in organizing the event.

The Yakima River Clean Up is expected to attract more people this year.

For the first time, prizes will be given to those who bring large groups of people to the event. Hundreds of dollars in prizes, including sweat-shirts, coupons and vendor prizes will be given out in a drawing at the end of

the day.

“I want students to know that there are ways for them to make a difference,” Janell Oreschnigg, undeclared sophomore and Service Learning Fellow, said. “I hope everyone realizes what remarkable opportunities are available.”

Information on this and other volunteer activities is available in the CELDC in the SUB room 211. Interested students can find more information at <http://slvcenter.cwu.edu>, or by calling 963-1643.



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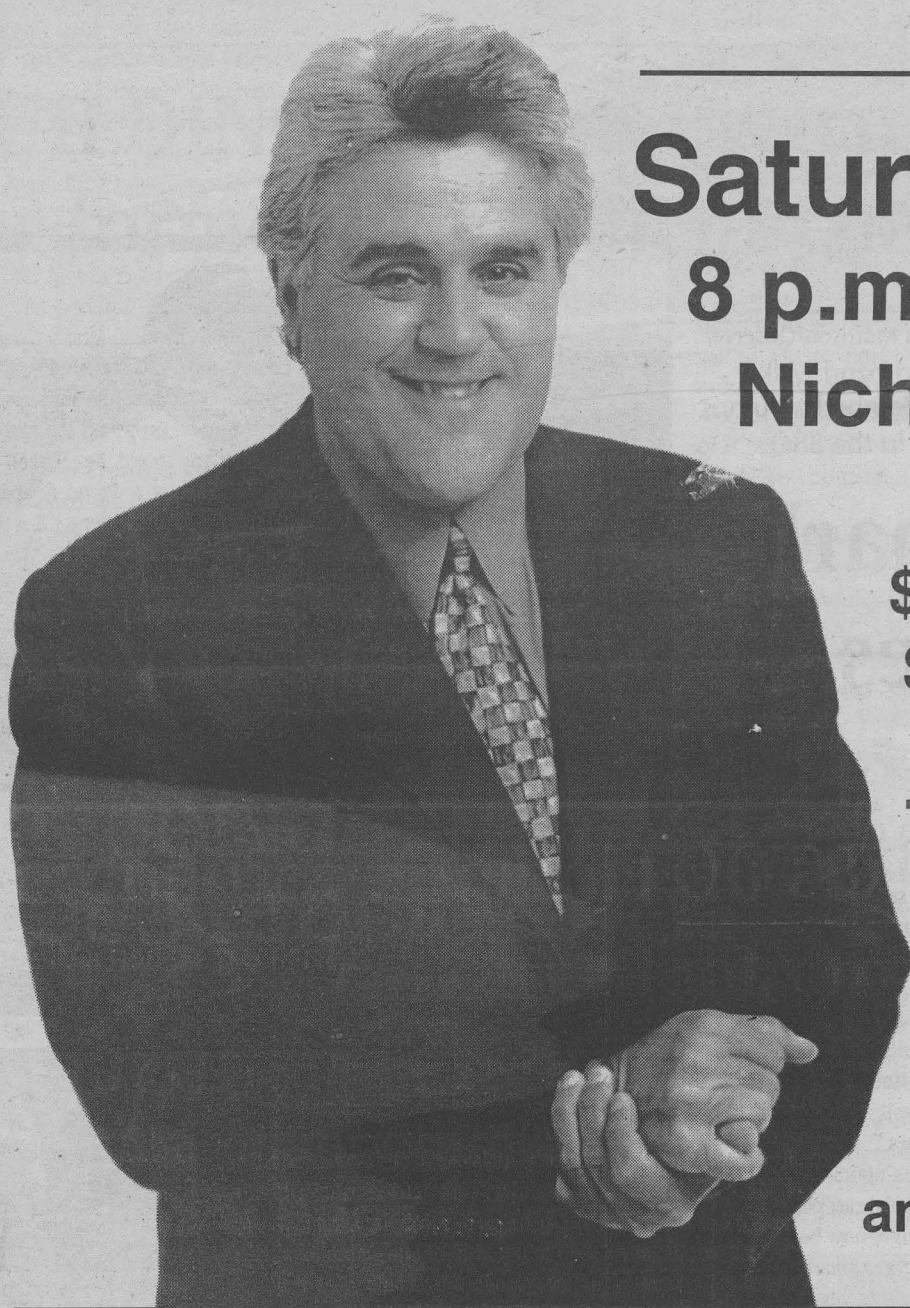
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WED. OCT. 15 Rally in the Alley and Rock & Bowl, 9-midnight, Rodeo Bowl, free

THU. OCT. 16 Midnight Madness, 8-10 p.m., Nicholson Pavilion, free, fabulous prizes!

FRI. OCT. 17 Wildcat Walk, noon, start at Nicholson Pavilion. **Homecoming Dance**, 9 p.m.-midnight, SUB Ballroom, \$10 advance at SUB Recreation ticket counter or Jerrol's, \$12 at the door. DJ music, effects & video provided by Sounds Unlimited, Mocktails provided by Wildcat Wellness Center, photos available.

SAT. OCT. 18 5K Prediction Run, 8 a.m. check-in/9 a.m. start, Nicholson Pavilion, \$12 preregistered at SUB Recreation ticket counter, \$15 day of race. **Rugby Game:** CWU vs WWU, 10 a.m., upper athletic field, free. **Tailgate Lunch**, 11:30 a.m. at Tomlinson Stadium, **Homecoming Football Game:** CWU vs Humboldt State, 1 p.m., Tomlinson Stadium, CWU students get in free, \$8 general, \$7 seniors and non-CWU students, 5 & under free. **Homecoming special entertainment event:** Jay Leno, 8 p.m., Nicholson Pavilion, \$25 CWU students, \$35 general, tickets at SUB Recreation ticket counter and Jerrol's Book & Supply Co.

SUN. OCT. 19 **Homecoming Golf Tournament**, noon at Ellensburg Golf & Country Club, \$15 per person, prizes! Preregister at SUB Recreation ticket counter.

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(clockwise from above) President Jerilyn McIntyre looks on as the marching band walks around campus as a part of the Wildcat Walk. Head Football Coach John Zamberlin pumps up the crowd before the "Battle in Seattle". Hungry participants take part in the BBQ.

First Wildcat Walk sparks school spirit, appetites

by Christel Palenshus
Staff reporter

Student government, music and cheerleaders converged Friday Oct. 3 for the first Wildcat Walk at Central Washington University. A crowd of more than 200 participants left Nicholson Pavilion at noon and walked through campus for 20 minutes.

The Associated Student of Central Washington University Board of Directors (ASCWU/BOD) rode on a fire engine and waved while the marching band and athletes followed on foot.

The rabble included participants in football, cheer, basketball, wrestling, the marching band, as well as Clint Coppennoll, a candidate for Ellensburg city council.

"The event went really well; hopefully even more people will show up next time," Dan Michael, Executive Vice President of the ASCWU/BOD, said.

“
It's the start of something big.
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Moses Lewis
senior pre-law major

Michael, who spent all summer planning the project, got the idea of a Wildcat Walk before he was elected. He had been here at Central for two years and never heard the marching band. He expected more from the university, and he saw potential.

Once the procession reached Barto lawn Dining Services supplied the athletes with a free lunch. For non-athletes, the picnic lunch cost either a swipe on the dining card or \$6.00. Dining Services provided beef and

veggie burgers as well as hotdogs, chips, cookies and watermelon. During the BBQ, Careen, a Portland band, performed.

The crowd seemed pumped for Saturday's triumph against Western Washington University at the Seahawk Stadium. Some, however, were less pumped for the Wildcat Walk.

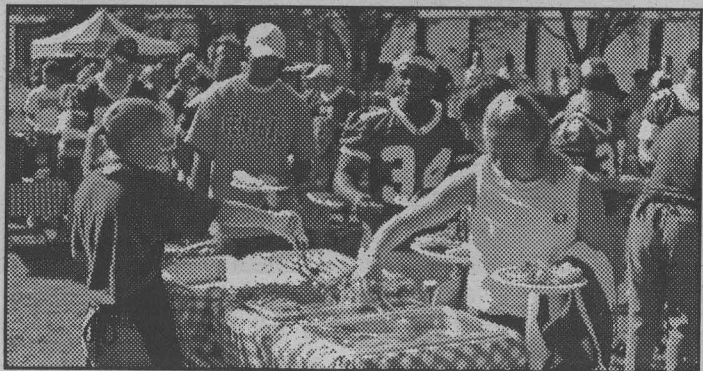
"This is bullshit," Drey Willis, sophomore business major, said. "They got us walking out here like we're some slaves."

Some athletes anticipate a better turnout next time with better planning.

"It's not big right now but in a few years when they get smarter, plan it when people can do it, when classes let out," Moses Lewis, senior pre-law major, said. "It's the start of something big."

Marlo Airhart had a good time, but said that next year the "cheerleaders should have to wear bikinis."

There will be a Wildcat Walk every Friday before a home football game. The next is Oct. 17 as a part of Homecoming Week.



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Central mourns losses

by Observer staff

Over the summer, Central Washington University lost five members of its campus community. They are all mourned and still missed.

BILL DUNNING

William Vance (Bill Dunning), professor emeritus of art, passed away in September. After his retirement in 1995, Dunning was granted emeritus professor status for his work at Central. During his 31-years at Central, Dunning published three books and numerous refereed journals. He and his wife, Sandy, resided on Whidbey Island until his death.

MARY JO COMSTOCK

Former Central Employee, Mary Jo Comstock, passed away at the age of 68 on Sept. 9. Comstock served at Central for 12 years as an office assistant and secretary until her retirement in 1995. Services were held Thursday, Sept. 18 at the Ellensburg United Methodist Church.

DR. GARY LEWIS

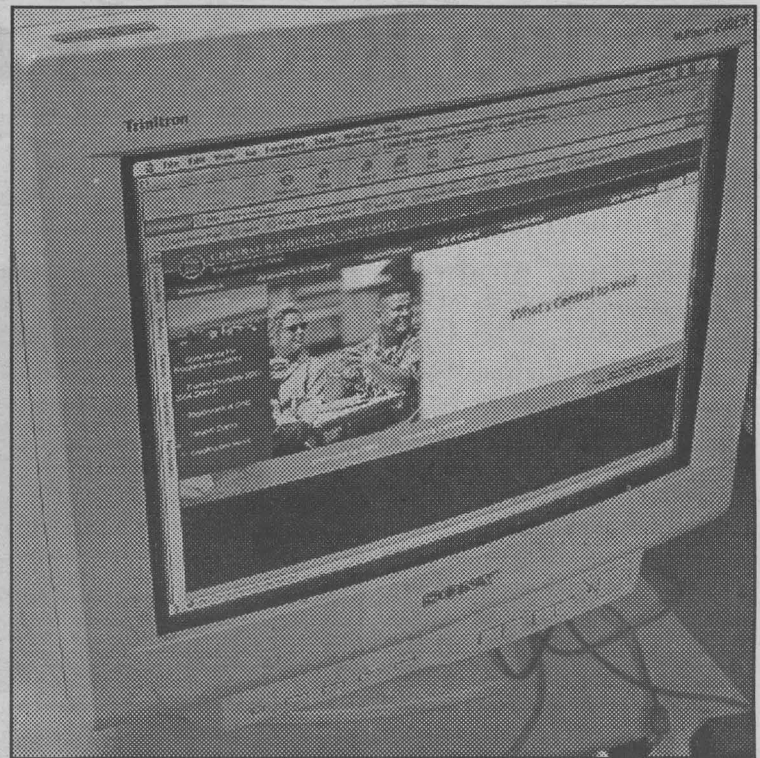
Dr. Gary Lewis lost a several month struggle with cancer on Sept. 20. Lewis was formerly a dean of library and media services and professor of librarianship at Central. Services were held Sunday, Sept. 20 at the Ellensburg Methodist Church.

WENDELL HILL

Central's former director of auxiliary services, Wendell Hill, passed away August 3 at the age of 75. Hill served at Central for 30 years until his retirement in 1993. He was also active in a number of community organizations. Services were held Thursday, August 7 at the First Presbyterian Church.

DALE SAMUELSON

Dale Samuelson, 70, passed away Sept. 22. Samuelson was a professor emeritus of flight technology, who served in the U.S. Air Force from 1955-1961. Samuelson spent 22 years at Central before retiring in 1995. He is survived by his wife, son, two daughters, sister and her husband.



Michael Bennett/Observer

The redesigned Central web site is nearly finished and is now up to ADA regulations for students with disabilities.

WEB SITE: Not all are pleased with outcome

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way through a project that will involve updating roughly 1,800 individual Webpages and should take about a year. The entire process should be complete by spring quarter.

"We are roughly 60 percent through a huge Web site, with lots left to complete," Days said. "It is written in transitional XHTML, which is a bridge between old HTML and the new Horizon XML. The old Web site is navigated by who you were, and the new web site will be navigated by what you are looking for."

Students have mixed feelings about the design and navigation of the Web site.

"It's aesthetically pleasing, but difficult to navigate sometimes," Casey Gamble, junior, primate studies, said. "Part of the problem is that I have to use a search to find anything that isn't contained in the WIN section, which wastes my time."

Students who have problems or solutions can send them to Jesse Days

via daysj@cwu.edu

"We're constantly taking feedback on how to make it easier, and if there is a better idea it will be incorporated," Days said.

Some students haven't felt a line of communication open concerning the web site.

"It's as if they care more about the look of the site," Grant Darigol, graduate, accounting, said. "I can understand the need for marketing, but as a student it should be easier to get to the things I use the most."

Despite the confusion, the Central webmasters remain confident that once all the bugs are out of the system, the Web site will be a more useful tool than ever.

"This is a leap forward for us," Days said. "We are bringing the site into 508 Federal G-Line Compliance and will make it ADA compliant."

Under ADA specifications, students with disabilities will be able to use software to access the site with screen reading and navigate without a mouse.

"508 compliance is not a law, but within a couple years it will be mandatory," Days said.

BUILDINGS: Theater renamed for former department chair

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ing a library at a time when state funds are short.

"The Tower Theater, a 'black-box theater' added on to McConnell Auditorium during a remodel in 1980, was a result of then Department Chair Milo Smith's efforts" Leslee Caul, director of marketing and development for the Theater Arts department, said.

According to Caul, Smith produced 55 shows, including eight musicals and operas during his 35 years at Central.

"In Smith's time this [theater] was really a growing trend" said Caul.

Wesley VanTassel, who replaced Smith as chair of Theater Arts, proposed naming the theater after him. Caul said the reason for naming the theater after Smith is that after his retirement in 1989, he and his wife Helen were still active members and supporters of the department.

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I'm totally thrilled and my family is tickled to death. They're coming over in a crowd

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Milo Smith

Former Theatre Department Chair

"It's an honor really, for us to honor Milo," Caul said. "We wouldn't be where we are today without Milo's contributions."

"I wish I knew who he was and knew all of his works," Justina Schwartz, senior and Theater Arts major, said.

The dedication will help focus on

Smith's impact on the department, and to ensure future students are aware of his contributions.

"I'm totally thrilled and my family is tickled to death," Smith said. "They're coming over in a crowd,"

Smith said his most important contribution to the theater program was "loyalty to the program and to the students."

Smith said he and his wife still raise funds for the department with their play, "You know I can't hear you when the water's running," about an older married couple who bicker.

According to Smith, he and his wife have put on more than 25 performances of the play and all the money raised goes to the department.

At age 78, Smith says he enjoys doing the play and gets quite a workout during the performance.

The dedication will be by invitation only, just before the re-opening of McConnell Auditorium after a \$2.1 million renovation.

"The Tooth of the Matter"

Susan Savage, RDH



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can not reverse these problems without your dentist's help. Any incidence of bleeding gums when you brush or floss could be a sign that you have gum disease. You may not feel any discomfort in your gums, but the disease is there and may get worse, causing loose teeth and other problems, as well as bad breath.

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Rodeo Records may take final bow as downloading, CD burning scratch sales

by Joe Castro
Staff reporter

Rodeo Records has been on Main Street for more than a decade, but low sales might mean closed curtains for the record shop.

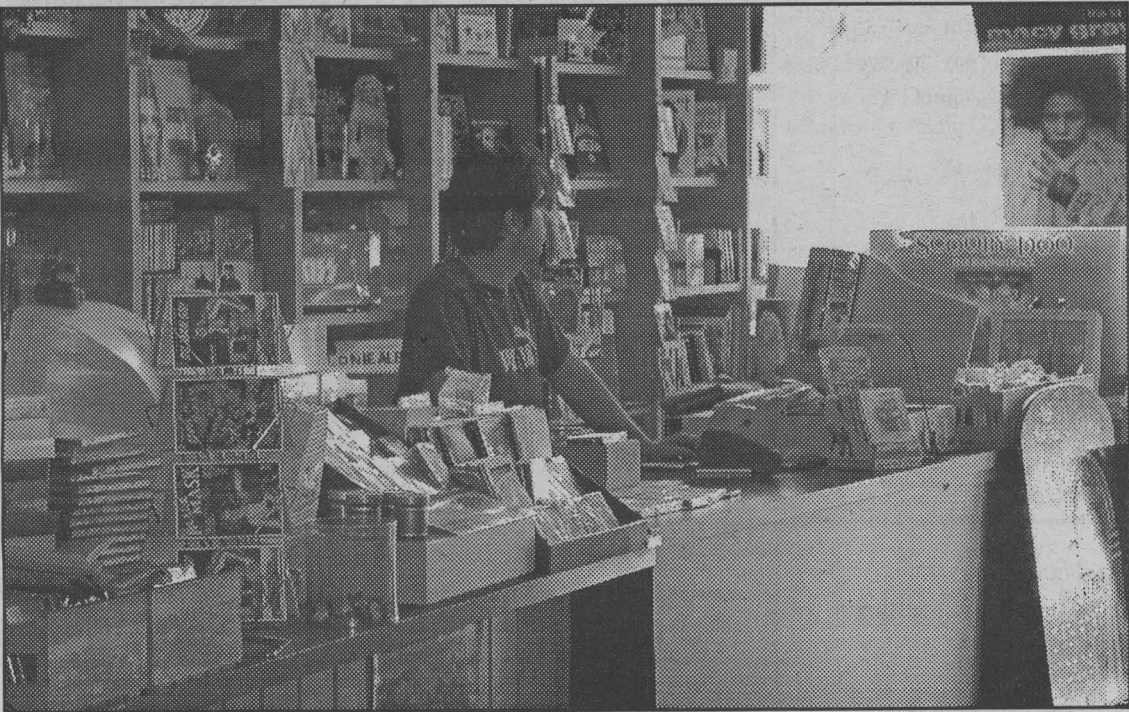
During the mid-90's Rodeo Records had eight employees. Mark Pickerel, owner and now the only employee of Rodeo Records, has seen sales drop 75 percent since 1999. Pickerel attributes the dramatic losses to rising CD costs, the economy, competition with Fred Meyer and most of all CD burning.

"I would say the number one culprit is downloading and CD-burning," Pickerel said. "Competition is a good thing, but not when your competitor is offering the same product for free."

Rodeo Record's local competition, Fred Meyer, opened up in June 2001 and has had some advantage selling cheaper records.

"Fred Meyer opening up a few years ago didn't help because we lost a lot of Top-40 sales which really is our bread and butter," Pickerel said. "When we can sell a couple thousand dollars worth of Top-40 CDs in a week that allows us to be more adventurous in our buying, so we can afford to stock obscure titles."

To Osamu Sononaka, a graduate of Central Washington University, obscure titles are what make Rodeo Records a better place to buy music. "Rodeo Records has a better selec-



Noah Devlin/Observer

After a decade of business, Rodeo Records may be forced to close its doors due to low sales. Owner and sole employee Mark Pickerel (pictured) attributes the sales slide to chain stores, burning CDs and downloading music.

tion of music," Sononaka said. "There's only one Rodeo Records in the whole United States I think, and it certainly has a unique personality."

Vintage posters, records and colorful paraphernalia cover the walls and are characteristic of Rodeo Records look.

Sononaka said it's great that the owner has the freedom to decorate

Rodeo Records according to his taste, not copying someone else's blueprint like so many chain stores.

Noah Oliver, junior geography major, enjoys Rodeo Record's underground persona and feels that Rodeo Records better supports local music.

"They have more of the underground scene, not just typical popular music you'd find at corporations like

Fred Meyer," Oliver said. "They also support a lot of local artists, so they carry a lot of local bands, and you just don't see that anywhere else."

For a large number of students with a modest budget there is little incentive to spend more for the same music. With more music venues, downloading or chain stores, many students are simply thinking econom-

ics.

"It's hard to sell all of that music because it's kind of an expensive mom and pop place," Trey Fitzgerald, senior business major, said. "It's cheaper to just go to Target or Fred Meyer."

Downtown businesses, mostly owned by local people, hope the best for Rodeo Records.

"I think everyone is kind of pulling for each other," Carol Cox, co-owner of Threads and Needles, said. "We want to see everyone do well because we are all a part of the community and that's more money that gets spread around."

Ben Reames, co-owner of Tiki Tattoo, said he has seen six shops go out of business since he opened his tattoo parlor two years ago.

"They are needed in the community," Reames said. "There would be a hole, a cultural void."

Pickerel said it is now up to the community to decide whether Rodeo Records will stick around.

"I've already made my decision that I'm ready to close, but since we made that decision a few month ago there has been a lot of support from the community people, asking, begging, threatening us to stay in business," Pickerel said.

"If their enthusiasm is matched by their spending, then I'll continue to sell music as long as people need us to, but if it's not paying the bills then we'll close," Pickerel said. "I certainly didn't open the store to close it."

Calendar

Thursday, Oct. 9

PSU Film Series: Bowling for Columbine
7 p.m.
Black Hall, room 151

Saturday, Oct. 11

Yakima River Clean Up
8 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Meet in SUB parking lot.

Pianist Nino Merabishvili
and Guest Violinist
8p.m.
Hertz Hall

Sunday, Oct. 12

Bruce Coe and David Gerth,
Candidates for County
Commissioner position
1:30 p.m.
Hal Holmes

Tuesday, Oct. 14

Mr. and Ms. Central Talent
Contest.
7 p.m.
Club Central

Classic Film Series: A Mighty Wind
McConnell Auditorium

Wednesday, Oct. 15

Rally in the Alley and
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Summer News

FOOTBALL TEAM #1 IN ACADEMICS

Last year's football team was not just undefeated on the field, it was the top scorer in the classroom. The results of the Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC) 2002-03 All-Sports team academic award competition shows that the Central football team received the top score. The average GPA of the team was 2.82, the highest of the 10-team GNAC.

CWU RECOGNIZED BY U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT

The national magazine, U.S. News and World Report, listed Central in the 2004 edition of "America's Best Colleges." The report recognized Central as being in the top 12 master's degree granting universities in the west.

ENROLLMENT CONTINUES TO GROW

Central has enrolled the largest incoming freshman class for the third year in a row, Approximately 1,350 freshmen began their studies at Central this year.

NEW DEAN NAMED

Dr. Thomas M. Peischl is the new Dean of Library services. Peischl previously worked as Associate Vice Chancellor for Information Services and Chief Information Officer at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside. He will begin his new job before Nov. 1.

WORKSAFE RELEASES NEW TRAINING PROGRAM

Worksafe, a nonprofit organization at Central, has released a new CD-ROM designed to train drivers of 15-passenger vans. The hope is that this program will prevent accidents involving these large vans.

President Michael gives insight into goals, visions

by Bob Kirkpatrick
Staff reporter

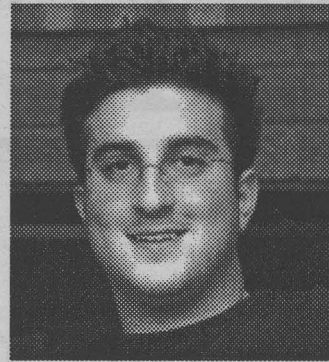
Mark A. Michael, president of the Associated Students of Central Washington University Board of Directors (ASCWU/BOD) has big plans for the current academic year.

The primary objectives for the Board of Directors (BOD) in 2003-2004 according to Michael are to bring high-end job opportunities to campus, link Central and the community together through a campaign called WE Are You, and being on the cutting edge of media technology.

"Our mission is to promote and support the interests, needs and values of the students of Central," Michael said. "We will accomplish this by demonstrating responsibility, accountability and disclosure in practice by offering visibility, overall inclusion and a competitive environment."

Michael, a sophomore communication major with emphasis on international media relations, speaks fluent Arabic and Spanish. He is the principal partner in a business called Abra International, a media marketing and development company.

Some of Michael's duties as BOD president include serving as chair and voting member of the BOD, give the State of ASCWU Address to the university, and act as a liaison to the Vice President of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management. Michael must also attend regular meetings with the director of Campus Life; oversee the hiring and supervision of both the ASCWU Public Relations and ASCWU Vice President for Political Affairs. Michael receives a salary of \$6,300 per academic term



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—Mark A. Michael

for his efforts.

Under the direction of Michael, the BOD is proposing a campus cable television network called CWUTV, which is slated to air Jan. 15, 2004.

Michael said, "Station KWTU channel 14 will introduce a format called Wildcat Television. Its sole purpose is to inform, promote and establish KWTU as the primary resource for Central and the surrounding community."

CWUTV will give students a creative license linking the university and the community together by bridging the gap through information media, Michael said.

A taskforce is in place to enhance and insure proper utilization of CWUTV.

Another proposal on the agenda submitted by Michael is The ASCWU Magazine, a publication that offers insight into the business, life and political ideologies of ASCWU/BOD. Michael said the magazine's intended focus is to portray to the student body the role of student government by promoting active involvement in the political system, and provide information regarding BOD's

philosophy on effective leadership at Central.

"He's a fresh creative thinker that surrounds himself with the same type of people," Senior Director of Campus Life and Student Union John Drinkwater said. "He is committed to changing the image of the BOD and to helping CWU become a better place."

Jill Creighton, vice president for Student Life and Facilities said Michael exhibits strong leadership skills.

"Mark has found a balance between delegating responsibility by allowing us to function with autonomy in our elected positions," Creighton said.

Acknowledging the fact that he can't do it alone, Michael recognizes that every successful visionary is a team with 20/20 vision.

After graduation, Michael isn't exactly sure where his path will lead him but when it is all said and done, he would like to become a teacher.

For more information on Michael or any of his projects, stop by the ASCWU office located in the Samuelson Building, room 116.

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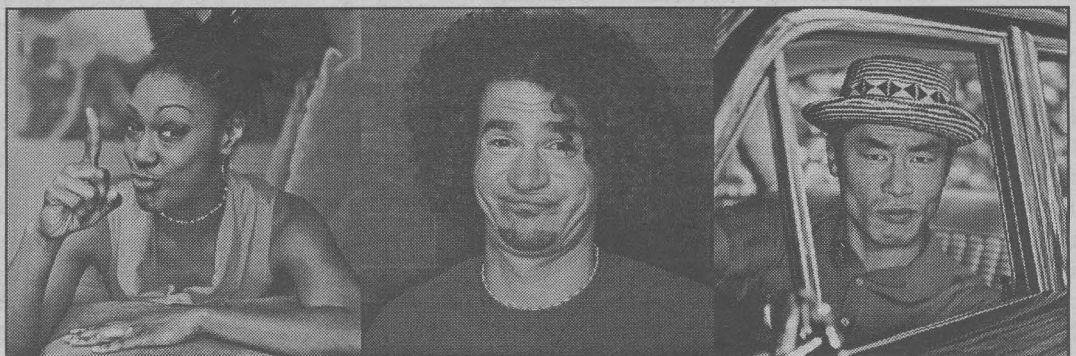
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On the upswing, but still not batting a thousand

This should be said: I'm a Negative Nancy.

It is truly a task to get me excited about much of anything, and even more of a battle for me to ooze with enthusiasm.

But recently I caught myself speaking positively... about Central. Generally, when I'm asked about our university I mumble something that includes mediocre, education, Ellensburg and then I trail off.

Just a week ago someone asked me again, but with pointed questions. He asked how enrollment was and I said it was great, we're having to turn away students. He asked if we had any new building projects, I said yes, numerous. He asked if I thought we'd beat Western in Seattle. I said I hoped so, and that I thought it was a great opportunity.

With each question my regard for Central swelled, a little.

This is my last quarter here, and I've seen a number of changes, many of them good. Which leads me to say Central is on the upswing.

Last Thursday, President McIntyre pointed out some highlights in her state of the university address. Our freshman class is one of the largest, most academically gifted and diverse classes to enter the university. Our student retention rate is increasing.

The music building is on its way to completion, a new SUB/Rec facility will be started soon, and Kamola Hall looks fabulous.

Not only did we beat Western last Saturday, academically our team comes out ahead of them, too.

We have a new image, a new Web site, and a new mascot.

Jay Leno headlines for Homecoming, and last year brought David Spade.

The school is effectively recruiting minorities. I can see and feel the difference on campus.

We have a student government that seems willing to work. They put together an action plan, printed it and delivered it to my home. Wasn't that smart? They also dispersed it through campus and the community.

When I lined up these great accomplishments, facts really, I couldn't deny the growth of the university. It was almost as if it had matured right along with me.

But lest I begin to act out of character, let's talk to Negative Nancy.

Our enrollment is up; the senior class keeps growing. President McIntyre calls that the ability to retain students, I call it the inability to get students out of here. Am I supposed to be pleased that I can't get into the Math 101 class I need for graduation? I've sat in classes with empty chairs, because professors are too overloaded to teach a full class. I'd prefer more classes, more teachers, less students.

I'm okay with construction, build away. I just hope students are ready to pay the extra \$150 a quarter to use the rec facility, on top of their ever-increasing tuition. In 2000 my quarterly tuition was \$946, four years later I pay \$1218, a 28.75 percent increase.

Of course, bring in shows like Leno, but if we're paying him as much as we paid David Spade to barely impress us with his lackluster enthusiasm... I'd rather pay the \$3 to view a classic film.

I hope you disagree with Nancy. I hope Central is full of positive thinkers. Let's be optimistic, but not blind.

— Emily Bonden

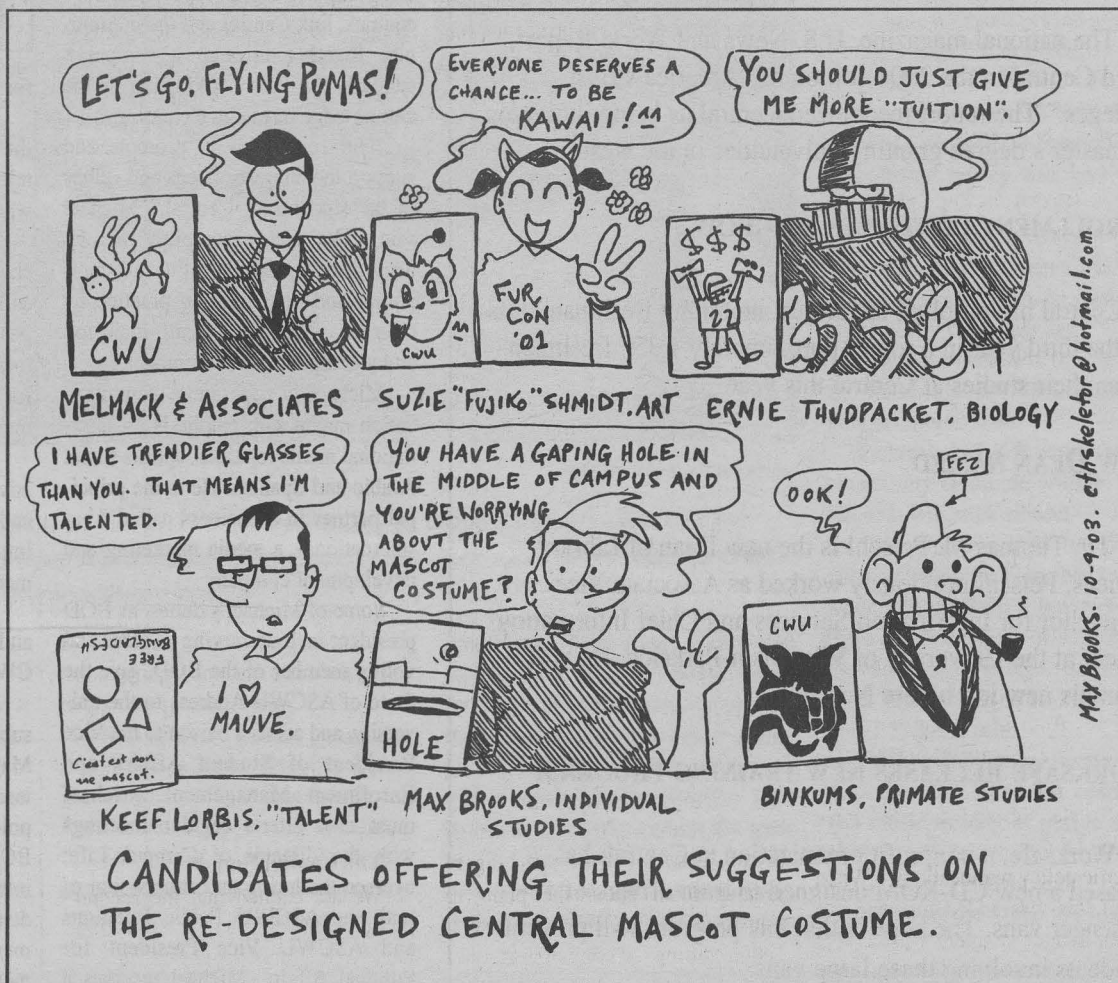
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McIntyre talks money

In a memo sent to the campus community, President Jerilyn McIntyre reviews budget issues.

The Operating Budget

We are currently putting the finishing touches on the 2003-04 academic year budget that was presented to the campus in May and approved by the Trustees in June. Your division and unit administrators will be letting you know the specific details as they affect your unit budgets, but I wanted to let you know some of the university-wide decisions we made to mitigate the impact of the budget cut this year. As I announced previously, state officials responded to our impressive enrollment recovery by funding an additional 196 full-time equivalent students. They also authorized a tuition increase of 7 percent to offset the impact of reductions in state general fund allocations. The Board of Trustees followed the recommendation of the Budget Advisory Committee in approving a 7 percent increase in tuition for resident students. Finally, state officials targeted some of our funding to certain areas for specific policy reallocations. When all of this was added together, we began budget planning with a \$1.2 million decrease from last year. We also identified several internal needs that we wanted to fund, totaling about \$1.8 million. This included salary adjustments for employees farthest out of range from peer comparisons, collective bargaining costs, utility cost increases, disability support services, software maintenance, additional West waivers, and additional adjunct support. To accommodate the cut in the state general fund and to address these internal needs, we faced an overall budget cut of approximately 5 percent.

A budget cut of that magnitude obviously was not desirable, so we first began to look for cost-cutting and revenue-generating ideas that would soften the impact. We offered a retirement incentive package to all employees and a cyclic-leave option to exempt employees. We assessed a long-overdue administrative surcharge to auxiliary programs. We asked qualified exempt employees to teach classes without pay as part of their regular assignment. And, because the impact of the budget cut is most acute in the first year of the biennium and the revenue-generating activities will not have an effect until the second year of the biennium, we also reviewed all sources of one-time funding available to the university to provide some relief during the coming academic year.

Several other events combined to provide additional sources of revenue. We had begun budget planning with an estimated annual average enrollment of 8,000 FTE. Projected enrollments later indicated

that we could plan on and base our enrollment on at least 8,300 FTE. We also received funding for another 168 FTE through proposals submitted to the Office of Financial Management and the Higher Education Coordinating Board. When all of these sources of revenue and cuts were totaled, it appeared that we needed to ask each division to cut its budget by approximately 1.5 percent with the understanding that the revenue that was generated by the cut would support the internal needs we'd identified and would provide a small pool of money for reallocation to units that were most in need of additional support. Each division provided a budget request letter in which the division's needs were detailed. It was clear that the increased student FTE would place the greatest additional burden on academic affairs and student affairs, so those two divisions received proportionally greater enhancements to their budgets than the others. However, each division did receive at least some additional funding.

Long Term Planning and Transforming the University

I am not satisfied with short-term solutions and am aggressively working with the cabinet to develop long-term plans that will allow us to maintain the quality of our work under increasingly common budgetary constraints and to bring about the transformation of the university that I described to the campus earlier this year. I will be speaking in greater detail about the plans to transform the university in several venues during the coming year, but I

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Jerilyn McIntyre
Central President

want to mention three important guiding principles for this planning.

First, CWU has always been responsive to the state's need to educate its citizens, and it is important that we continue to be. While Washington state has a large and very successful community college system, it lags far behind other states in the percentage of citizens who matriculate to baccalaureate degree programs. What has been primarily an embarrassment in the past has grown into a true economic handicap. In addition, we have many students knocking at the doors of higher education and finding that access is increasingly restricted. It is for this reason that I have announced that CWU will do its part by setting an enrollment goal of 10,000 FTE (8,000 on the Ellensburg campus and 2,000 at the university centers) by 2010.

Second, divisions, individual units, and departments at CWU have had a tendency to work in isolation from each other. Not only does this mean that important activities and

outcomes are not shared with the rest of the university community, but it also means that there is a great deal of duplication of effort. It is for this reason that I have asked members of the cabinet to look carefully not only within their divisions but also across divisions to find areas where multidisciplinary and multidivisional cooperation could improve service to students and the state and could free up resources that could be turned to other initiatives. One example is CWU's impressive activity in the area of civic engagement. Clearly this is a center of excellence for our institution, and yet this work is currently split among several units, departments, and divisions with minimal coordination. I've asked the vice presidents to take a look at how we could look more holistically at this and other important initiatives.

Last, we often are caught unprepared when state or federal level opportunities for additional funding are announced. We haven't developed a short list of the most important enhancements we'd undertake if money were available, and we often don't know what these enhancements would cost. We'll spend part of this year engaged in developing long-range plans for academic and student life programs and in completing a cost study that allows us to know, within reasonable variation, the cost of these programs enhancements.

The Capital Budget

We are excited that the second phase of the new music education facility was funded and that we will now be able to build the two phases seamlessly and open them simultaneously. We also received approval and just broke ground for the Highline Community College/CWU - Des Moines (currently CWU - SeaTac) higher education center on the Highline campus. Other smaller projects also were funded in this budget cycle. Now we need to turn our attention to updating our master plan -- a project which the Campus Site and Development and Master Planning Committee is undertaking during this year -- and to finding solutions for other space needs on the campus and at our centers. Of greatest importance in the short term will be decisions about how Dean, Hertz, and the SUB will be used to fill emerging needs.

Summary and a Look Ahead

Just as we put budget discussions for the 2003-05 biennium behind us, the 2005-07 biennial budget request process is already beginning. Proposals must be forwarded to the Board of Trustees for approval in May 2004. Therefore, the vice presidents and I will soon be asking our divisions to develop proposals for program and space additions and enhancements that will help us develop priorities for the 2005-07 operating and capital budget requests. Unit and department heads will be hearing more about this in the very near future. For the time being, however, I hope you join me in looking forward to the beginning of the 2003-2004 academic year and the opportunities and accomplishments it will bring.

In my voice

Where are all the right-wing activists?

by George Hawley
Asst. News editor

What I am about to say counters a cherished conservative conviction, and as a result I may catch some flak from my comrades on the right. Nevertheless, in the spirit of fairness I am going to say it anyway.

You see, I realized something that flies in the face of conventional wisdom: I have a high G.P.A. According to right-wing dogma, this is not supposed to happen.

For about thirty years now, conservatives have complained that we cannot get fair treatment at America's universities. Of course, to a large extent, this is true. However, I unashamedly endeavor to be the most outspoken right-wing agitator on this campus and I somehow manage to get by just fine. Therefore, the assumption that expressing republican or libertarian viewpoints in class leads to D's and F's is a non sequitur.

I will be the first to declare that this university is a purulent cesspool of left-wing propaganda, and most of the faculty seem more interested in promoting sedition than in teaching anything useful. Yet despite their often treasonous ideology, professors here have been quite even handed when it comes to grades. The same was true of the last college I attended. This means that when conservative students claim that they don't speak up in class for fear of being reprimanded, they are just being contemptible poltroons.

One of the main reasons academia has become a bastion of anti-American, anti-tradition, and anti-Republican radicals is that conservatives lack the backbone to stick up for themselves. It is as though the right has conceded victory to the enemy on American campuses, and simply bowed out of the debate. Therefore, I'm not so sure we have a right to complain.

So here is a message to my fellow conservatives: it is possible to fight the establishment and leave this place with a healthy G.P.A. You will do just fine provided you do your homework, participate in class, and articulate your arguments well. As for me, I'm going to persist in my goal of subverting the preposterously radical status quo. Furthermore, I'm going to continue to get A's along the way.

HEADLINES TO HASH OUT

The following comments concerning recent headlines were overheard by the Observer editorial staff.

Davis is out, Schwarzenegger is in by big margins in California recall
- New York Times

What we have here is an excess of testosterone and democracy.

White tigers were Roy Harris' life -
and one nearly caused his death
- MSNBC, entertainment

Where is that tiger now? Maybe in New York, with a roommate and an apartment.

Tiger, alligator found in New York City apartment
- Associated Press

If environmentalists would let us hunt these animals to extinction we wouldn't have these problems.

Limbaugh faces drug probe amid race flap
- Associated Press

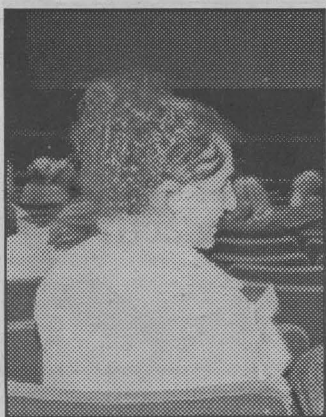
Ah, well hell, lots of people take drugs.

WUSA folds five days before women's world cup
- Sports Network

No wonder we lost, how would you play knowing you had nothing to come back to?

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Not so chin-tzy

Just Jay talking

by Emily Bonden
Editor-in-Chief

Scene tests Jay Leno's knowledge of the town and finds out what he thinks of this generation and his job as one of America's funniest men.

When was the last time you were in Ellensburg?

"Ah... I've been there before. I don't really remember. It's fine; it's the kind of deal where you fly in late at night, go on stage with the lights in your face, duck out the back door and are on the plane again. Yeah, it's great."

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You get paid to be a smart ass.

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Jay Leno

Leno used to do over 300 shows a year, he has been everywhere, probably twice. Fortunately, location doesn't affect his material because of technology and the rapid transmission of information.

"It makes it easier, they all know what you're talking about," Leno said.

But do they really know what he's talking about? Jaywalking, a regular Leno segment, illustrates just how unconscious people tend to be of current events or common knowledge.

"My audience isn't the people in Jaywalking, it's the people who watch Jaywalking. I remember one lady who owned a computer company... and I asked her who the President was before Bill Clinton. She said 'I'm not into politics.'"

Since Leno visits universities regularly, what does he think of this generation?

"I don't find a lot of difference between college kids now or in my generation. All generations rise to the occasion."

Any concerns about them?

"I don't know if there are any real concerns except that a lot of them seem fat. You have to get back to the basics. It is fairly obvious when I go to a school

and I ask, 'Is this a special school for fat kids?' Our standard of average keeps getting bigger."

Just this last Monday, during the headlines portion of this show, he showed an ad for oversized couches for fat people.

"We're telling people you're not too fat, your couch is too small," Leno said.

Now, about the job, is there any thing he regrets?

"I'm sure there's a lot of stuff I've regretted, but more things of a personal nature than a business nature."

No, Leno loves his job and the opportunities it affords him.

"You're on everyday, you write the jokes that day and tell them that night. You get paid to be a smart ass. I'm paid to do what I'd be doing anyway."

Other perks? He got a makeover by "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy."

"That was alright. They were great guys, very professional and they knew their stuff. I'm not homophobic. I thought the stuff they picked for me was horrible, but some of the set ideas we've incorporated."

Leno grew up on the East Coast but has lived in California for some time. Which does he prefer, the east or west? "The west coast, I love it. You couldn't pay me enough money to go back. This is where the stuff hap-

by Juliete Palenshus
Staff reporter

Jay Leno finally hit the big time; he's coming to Ellensburg

Dubbed "The Hardest Working Man in Show Business," Leno maintains a low key, down to earth image.

"He's pretty much a regular guy; yes, he's

world famous, but he still wears blue jeans and likes to ride motorcycles, and that leads to a nicer experience for everybody," Scott Drummond, director of Campus Activities, said.

Drummond and Lola Gallagher, manager of Publicity Center, who have been working with Leno's management and production staff and said he has been wonderful to work with and very cooperative.

"I think it rocks," Mike Penick, sophomore exercise science major, said. "Jay Leno kicks ass. He's the reason I stay up past 11 o'clock!"

Other students weren't as enthusiastic.

"(They) should have brought Letterman or even better — Conan," Doug Mitzel, senior education major, said.

Campus Life organizers anticipate a sold-out show because of last year's successful David Spade show. They hope to make high profile entertainers a tradition at Central Washington University. Drummond said the process of getting Leno to Central was quick because he is doing a show at Oregon State University the night before and will be at Washington State University the following week.

Leno has worked hard for his position on late night TV. According to his Web site, Jay Leno first appeared on the "Tonight Show" as a guest in 1977. Then, in 1992, he took over for Johnny Carson. Constantly competing for ratings against David Letterman took timing and hard work, which finally paid off in 1995 when he took the lead. Leno has continued to dominate in his genre ever since.

In his career Leno has interfaced with mobsters, received death threats, been protected by naked strippers, been mugged on stage and set on fire. He gets up every morning at 7:30 a.m. and usually doesn't retire until around 2:30 a.m.

Opening for the show will be Eric E., a singer and guitarist known for his ability to play a wide variety of music. During his 25 minute performance, he will play requests from the audience. Eric E. has performed at a number of shows at Central in the past year. Tickets for the show are available at

photo courtesy Campus Life

Duo to kick off concert series

by Natalie Bing
Asst. Scene editor

Just before the homecoming festivities take place, the Central Washington University music faculty is presenting alumna Nino Merabishvili, who will perform on the piano with guest violinist Jeannie Wells Yablonski.

"The Merabishvili-Yablonski duo are well known in the Seattle area for their outstanding virtuosity and warmth of sound and expression," John Pickett, professor of piano, said.

Nino Merabishvili received her Masters degree at Central and studied with Pickett. She performed in Hertz Hall many times while attending Central.

The guest recital begins at 8 p.m. on Oct. 11 in Hertz Hall. The CWU music faculty and ensemble has concerts scheduled through June.

"There are over 200 performances in Hertz Hall every school year and over half of those performances

are students," Alicia Hickman, senior music education major, said. "After school starts there is pretty much a recital every night, especially spring quarter because it is the culminating of the year."

The recital featuring Merabishvili and Yablonski will simply be an empty stage with the two performers. A \$3 donation is requested at the door. Money donated goes toward music scholarships.

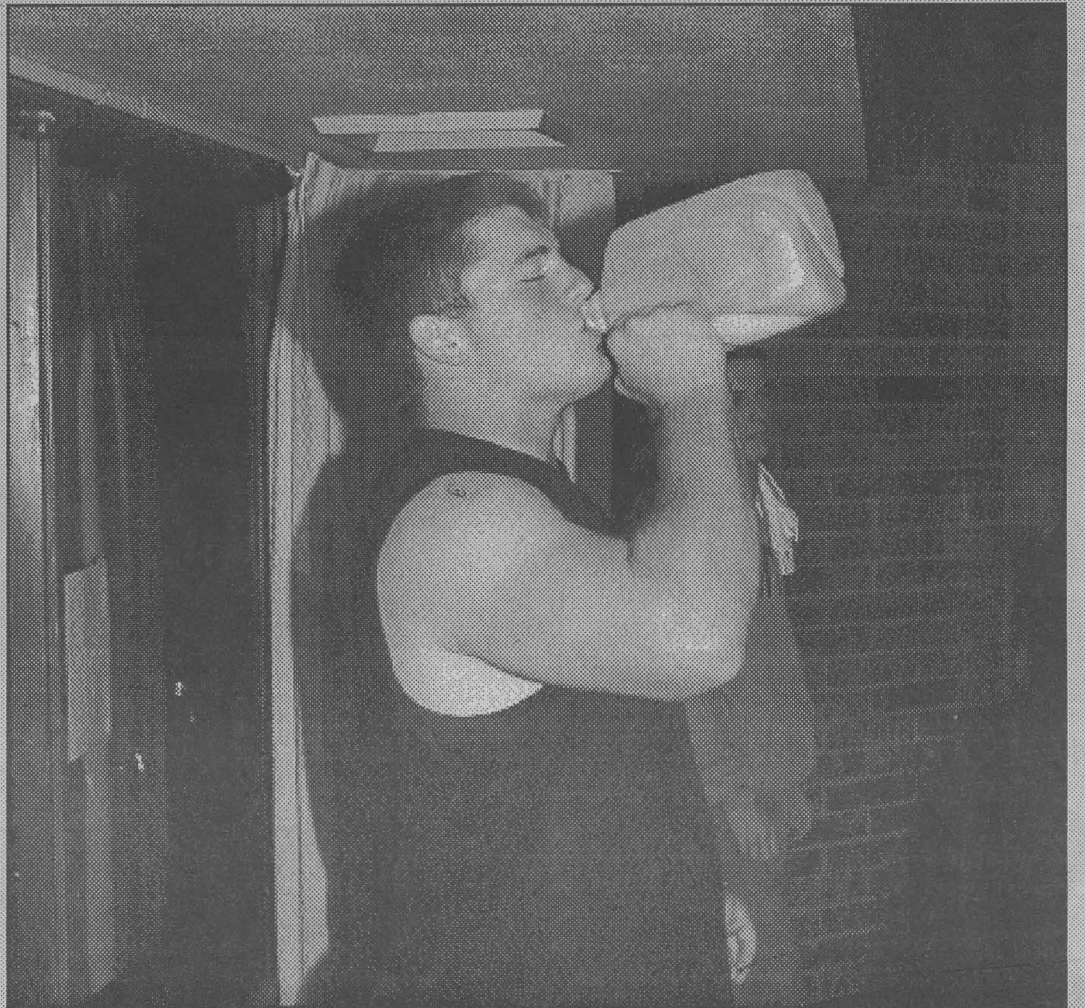
"Typically at the faculty recital series a donation is requested, but students can get in with their school ID," Karyl Carlson, associate chair of the music department, said.

Upcoming concerts include John Hamer and John Michel performing a faculty string recital at 8 p.m. on Oct. 22 and an orchestra Halloween concert scheduled for noon and 8 p.m. on Oct. 28, both in Hertz Hall. Performances scheduled in Hertz Hall will begin at 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

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John Pickett
Professor of piano

Doing a body good



Michael Bennett/Observer

James Harrison, freshman undecided major and Central Washington University football player, drinks a gallon of milk as part of a milk chugging contest last Sunday in Quigley Hall. Harrison, one of six who competed, won by downing his entire gallon of milk in 42 minutes.

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Grace Shanddox, freshman education major and Caitlin Kuhlmann, freshman undecided major, prepare to watch a classic film in McConnell Auditorium.

Classic films show timeless themes

Emily Dobihal
Staff reporter

It's fall and time to once again broaden cinematic horizons. For those who have seen all of the big-budget blockbusters, but are curious about what else is being produced, Central Washington University's Classic Film Series can help.

The fall and winter program, sponsored by Campus Life and the English Department, began its 2003-2004 run Tuesday, Sept. 30 with the showing of "Whale Rider." Lola Gallagher, Campus Life publicity manager, said about 300 people attended. That is a larger turnout than last year's average of 200 people per showing.

"I like that they're not all budget movies," Erika Nelson, sophomore biology major, said.

This is Nelson's second year attending the Classic Film Series. She enjoys the fact that she can view independent movies that are not usually found in commercial theatres,

she said.

Showing this fall is "Talk to Her," "A Mighty Wind," "The Pianist," "Rabbit Proof Fence," "Le Cercle Rouge" and "Happy Times."

According to Gallagher, the program has been around, in one form or another, for over 25 years. Its goal has been to expose people to an assortment of domestic and international films, Gallagher said.

Retired Central English professor, David Burt, and Central alumnus, Pat Brown, choose the films presented. Burt is one of the original forces that started the program back in the 1970s with Anthony Canedo and Carlos Martin.

Burt uses specific criteria when making film decisions. The first is finding films that have been made available for non-theatrical distribution. After this has been established he said he reads reviews and catalogs and tries to get a sense of a film's significance, subject matter and popularity. They like to present a variety of genres including dramas, come-

dies and documentaries. Some films are new and some are re-mastered releases. Burt and Brown choose films from all over the world that fit these categories.

"We try to give representation to various countries," Burt said.

Burt's main goal is to provide movies that would normally be available for viewing on the big screen only in art houses in large cities.

Tickets are \$3 for a single admission or \$12 for a bargain pass that is valid for five admissions, good through winter quarter. Bargain passes are available for purchase at the Samuelson Union Building, Jerrol's Book & Supply Co., the English department and at the door. Movies are at 7 p.m. most Tuesdays in McConnell Auditorium. Both students and the community are welcome.

For more information regarding the films and a schedule of the showings go to Jerrol's Book & Supply Co., the SUB information booth or Central's Web site.

Getting to know you

by Eva Tallmadge
Asst. Scene editor

For the graduating seniors of 2003, the elation at being the top dogs is short lived. After years of climbing to the top, they find themselves back at the bottom of the ladder. In other words, those high school seniors are now college freshmen.

"All the (resident advisors) have to do a certain amount of programs, but we try to do more than the minimum so students have a better experience here on campus," Dave Brown, junior tourism management and military science major and resident advisor in Courson Hall, said.

Central Washington University goes out of its way to make the transition as painless as possible. Central welcomes incoming freshmen with open arms and plenty of opportunities to make new friends and feel right at home.

"I get an opportunity to help out confused freshmen and help them find some direction," Brown said.

Wildcat Welcome Weekend is one of the first major events to welcome freshman. Resident advisors (RAs) greet the newcomers the Friday before school starts and help them move into their assigned rooms.

After meeting the new roommate the student and their parents are whisked away for a weekend of student/family activities; tours of Ellensburg, a presidential welcome speech, educational sessions and a pool party, to name a few of the events.

"You get to meet people there and see people you don't normally see in your own hall," Brian Hayes, freshman business major and Courson resident, said.

Wildcat Connections is a follow-up program during the first six weeks of school. Different departments on campus sponsor and help with events. One such event is an awareness program called "Sex, Lies and Alcohol." This is one of the many educational programs during Wildcat Connections.

Hall intramural sports teams and Halo Tournaments appeal to freshman with different interests.

"I go to dinner with the residents," Sarah Druiin, sophomore undecided and Davies RA, said. "For me that's more one on one."

Individual halls have their own events and programs. Tanner Leingang, freshman psychology

major in Courson, helped start a movie night. This weekend the hall will begin a new series of Kevin Smith movies. Leingang emphasized the program is open to all students, on and off-campus. Davies Hall

will be hosting a spa-massage-game-movie night at 8 pm on Friday. Druiin, like Leingang, emphasized that this event is open to everyone.

"The University 101 makes (freshmen) get involved," Druiin said. "We are encouraged to do educational programs, and there is value to them, but I think the social programs do a lot."

Meagan Stansfield, freshman business major from Muzzall, had a slightly different view.

"They didn't force you to meet other people, it was just a do whatever you want," Stansfield said.

Brian Baillie, freshman undecided in Davies, agreed.

"They were really cool and interesting, but in terms of meeting other people from the dorm, there was no real time where we got to meet other people and interact," Baillie said.

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Sarah Druiin
Davies RA

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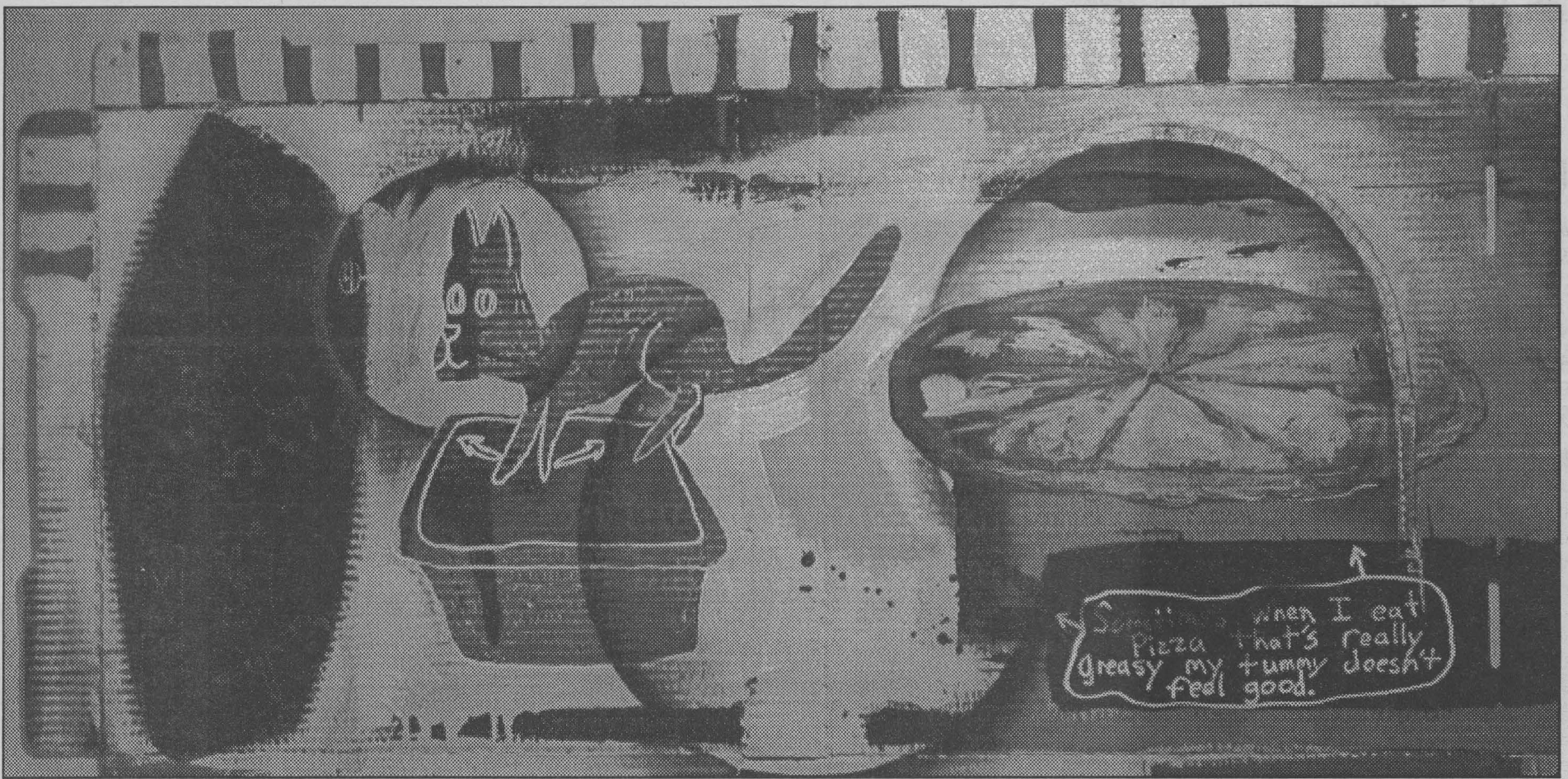
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"Not all tummy aches are parasite induced" is part of two exhibits by Howard Barlow currently on display through Oct. 31 at Gallery One.

Artist combines unlikely pair

by Joanna Horowitz
Staff reporter

Leaning against a railing in the second floor mezzanine of Gallery One in downtown Ellensburg, sculpture artist Howard Barlow might be mistaken for a rock star. Mop-headed and clad in a ripped t-shirt, Barlow talks about his musical project, "Common Creature Catcher" even before mentioning his two exhibits showing at Gallery One.

His two shows — "Catagenetic Cataclysm" and "Person, Place, Thing," — reveal the 29-year-old Central Washington University graduate's sense of humor and interest in looking at the world biologically.

Barlow's exhibits are showing through Oct. 31 at Gallery One

"I am an object maker," Barlow said. "I focus mainly on physical, tangible, malleable objects and materials. My work isn't introspective into the art world or self-referential, it references the world."

Barlow's sculpture work, "Person, Place, Thing," is grounded in its reference to the world and nature. The main floor of the gallery is filled with pieces that deal with the timeless nature of water.

Inspired by Barlow's fascination with the sciences and the idea that humans are "walking bags of water," these pieces refer to the biology of the body with spine-like structures

and intravenous bags.

The collection began with a work called "Glen" — a set of artificial iron lungs that release water into the air so that viewing the sculpture becomes more than just visual interaction; the observer is literally breathing in part of the artwork.

One large beaker-and-wood sculpture contains water from the Pacific Ocean, and smaller pieces on the walls have samples from all over Europe, including one captured from a puddle beneath the Eiffel Tower.

Barlow's second exhibit, "Catagenetic Cataclysm," was a way to keep his brain and hands active in his workspace in the gallery.

"It was a spontaneous exercise

that melded into work I had done in grad school that dealt with parasite and host relationships," Barlow said.

The idea of cats being both carriers of parasites and parasites themselves to their owners (because they depend on their "host" for survival) is a theme not readily apparent in the wooden comic-strip felines, which literally jump off surreal cartoon scenes, a characteristic Barlow said was intentional.

"I didn't want it to be a body of work that had a political focus, so I pushed it to the background," Barlow said.

"I love his pairing between serious mechanical and the light-hearted portraits of kitties," Nicole Walters,

senior art education major, said.

Gallery One employee Judy Bender agrees that his work is unusual.

"He uses a lot of his own creativity," Bender said. "His water exhibit is really different. He has a lot of artistic ability and it comes through in his pieces."

Gallery One is also currently showing work by local artists Faulkner and Siks. Faulkner, whose work includes prints, mixed media and pencil drawings of bowls, said it represents change and the inconsistency of life.

Siks is a portrait photographer who is showing a number of photographs.

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'Lights, Camera, Wildcats!'

Football, Leno, Hallympiad and Midnight Madness all featured events during Homecoming Week

by Marcus Tabert
Staff reporter

Homecoming week at Central Washington University is fast approaching, and organizations around campus have planned a variety of events for students and faculty.

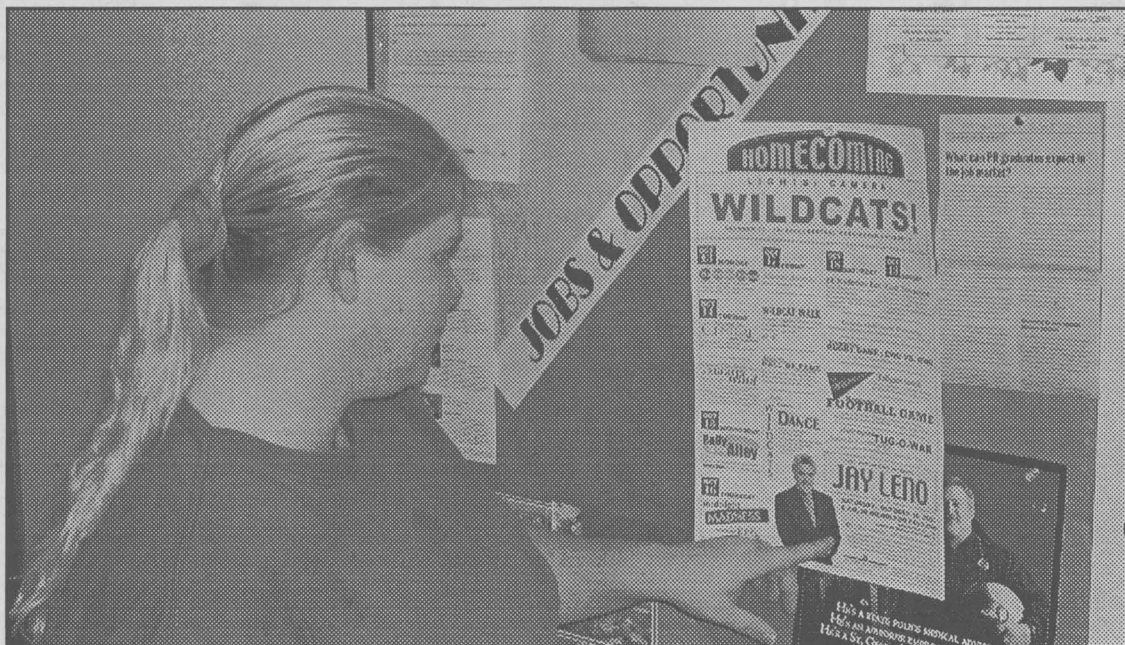
This year's activities are taking place all over campus between Oct. 13 and 19. The scheduled events are similar to those of previous years and include talent and athletic competitions, entertaining shows, dining events and ceremonies.

"(Midnight) Madness is a new addition, so that brings more work, but also involvement," Scott Drummond, director of Campus Activities, said. "I think we're seeing a lot of the same traditions, but the (student) interest is coming back."

The theme of the week is, "Lights, Camera, Wildcats!"

The Residence Hall Association (RHA) and University Recreation are sponsoring the Hallympiad events, which are taking place throughout the week. There will be teams from every residence hall participating in these tests of athletic ability, intellect and endurance. According to Drummond, Quigley Hall has already stated that they will win this year's competition.

Campus Life and RHA is presenting the annual Mr. and Ms. Central Talent Contest at 7 p.m. on Oct. 14 in Club Central. Each residence hall con-



Noah Devlin/Observer

Melinda Hanson, senior pre-law and human resources major, points out the performance by Jay Leno on a homecoming events calendar.

ducted talent competitions earlier this month, and the winners from those contests will be performing in front of a panel of Central faculty in hopes of becoming the next Mr. and Ms. Central. Last year's acts included dancers, vocalists, musicians, magicians and martial artists.

"It was cool to see the dorms come out and support their representative, and that there was friendly competition between the dorms," Nicole Shinn, senior sociology and family studies

major, said in reference to last year's program.

University Recreation, Campus Activities and 88.1 The 'Burg are sponsoring "Rally in the Alley" and "Rock & Bowl" from 9 p.m. to midnight on Oct. 15 at Rodeo Bowl. During this time, students can enjoy free bowling and music provided by 88.1 FM The 'Burg. According to Drummond, there were lines out the door for the event last year.

University Recreation and Campus

Activities is bringing back Midnight Madness. The event takes place from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Oct. 16 in Nicholson Pavilion and is an introduction of this year's Central basketball team. The Associated Students of Central Washington University Board of Directors (ASCWU/BOD) will be serving root beer in the lobby, and there will be games, prizes and recreation activities.

The ASCWU/BOD is sponsoring the Wildcat Walk, which starts at noon

on Oct. 17 at Nicholson Pavilion. The walk is a moving pep rally for the homecoming football game, and will include a marching band, cheerleaders, and the alumni fire truck.

Alumni Relations is presenting the Alumni Awards at noon on Oct. 17 in Lombard Hall and the Alumni Awards and Athletic Banquet at 6 p.m. in Tunstall Dining Room. Tickets for the banquet are \$18 and must be purchased in advance by calling 963-2752.

RHA and Campus Activities are sponsoring the homecoming dance from 9 p.m. until midnight on Oct. 17 in the Samuelson Union Building ballroom. The dance will be semi-formal and will feature a live disc jockey. Cost is \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door.

University Recreation is hosting a 5k prediction run on Oct. 18 at Nicholson Pavilion. Check-in is at 8 a.m. and the race starts at 9 a.m. Participants can pre-register at the recreation ticket counter in the SUB for \$12 until Oct. 17 or on the day of the event for \$15. For more information, call the recreation counter at 963-3512.

Central Recreation is hosting a four-person golf tournament scramble at noon on Oct. 19 at Ellensburg Golf and Country Club. Participants can pre-register individually or as teams at the recreation ticket counter in the SUB for \$15 per person until Oct. 17. For more information, call the recreation counter at 963-3512.

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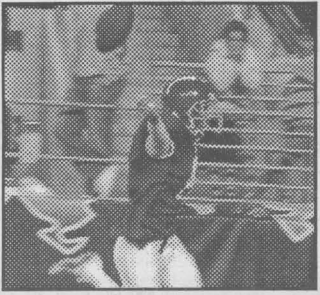
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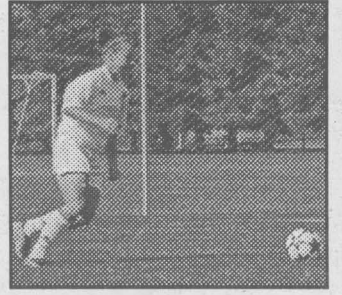


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Wildcats slip past Vikings

by Cindy Figueroa
Staff reporter

Everything was breaking at the inaugural "Battle in Seattle." Not only did Central Washington University's defensive linemen break through Western Washington University's offensive line, face-planting Viking's quarterback Josh Shimek enough times to grow a field of grass on his facemask; Central also broke the will and confidence of the Vikings. Breaking off any attempt to communicate, all Shimek would say was, "No comment." A previous state small college attendance record of 14,830 fans was also broken with an astounding 16,392 fans.

The Wildcats executed a destructive rushing game with O-linemen Rhett Carpenter, Zach Fife, John Lindsey, Evan Picton and Michael Don spreading the sea of Vikings, not only for players like junior running back Emilio Iniguez, but also for senior quarterback Zak Hill to execute the biggest play of the game, a 33-yard touchdown pass to senior wide receiver Moses Lewis.

"We needed those points to tie the game before the half," Lewis said. "It felt good to score on the same field as some NFL greats. It especially felt

good to score on Western in the Seahawks Stadium."

After defeating Western at Seahawks Stadium 29-20, Central improved to a 3-2 record.

Three Wildcats earned player of the week credentials. Iniguez was named the Great Northwest Athletic Conference co-offensive player of the week with a career-high 140 yards on 32 carries and a touchdown.

Standing 5 feet 6 inches, another player who showcased big man plays was senior defensive cornerback Nick Omatsu.

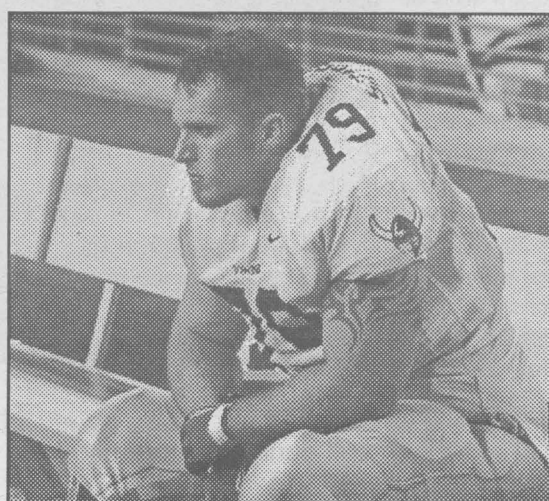
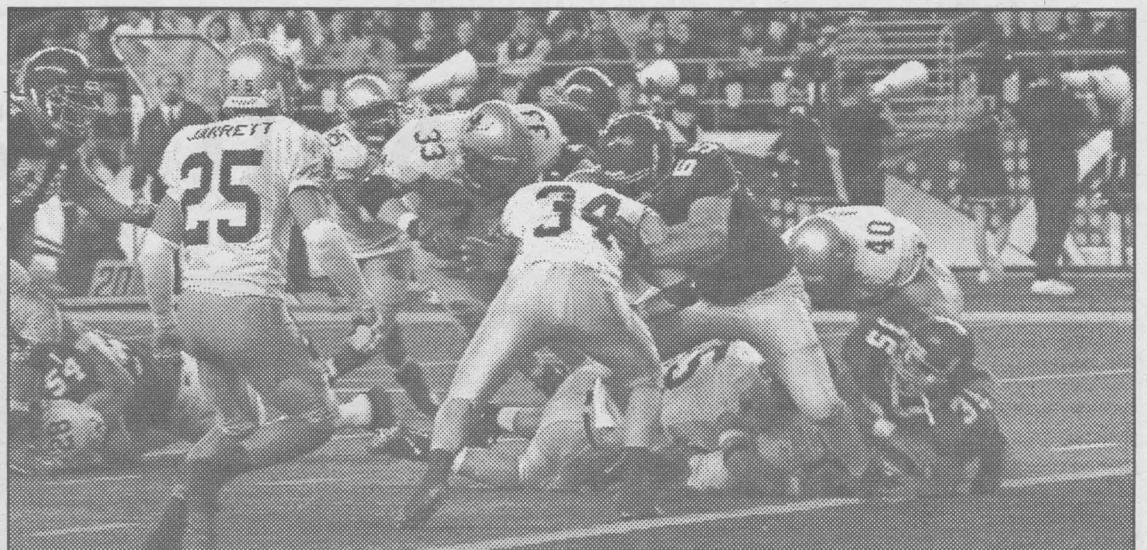
Omatsu had two interceptions including a crowd pleasing 40-yard touchdown return, as well as a fourth quarter pick giving the Wildcats a spacious nine-point lead.

Senior punter Joe Smith, touted as one of the nation's top punters, averaged 49.2 yards after six punts with the longest being 56 yards.

After the Western game the Wildcats are ready to defeat whoever steps in their path.

"It feels good to have beat Western and even better to have beat them in this stadium, but when it comes to Western we'll take a win anywhere," senior wide receiver Jake Roberts said.

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photos by Michael Bennett / Observer

Senior wide receiver, Moses Lewis (top), is tackled by a Viking defender at the "Battle of Seattle" last Saturday night.

Junior running back, Emilio Iniguez (above) narrowly crosses through the endzone for another Wildcat touchdown.

Western Washington University sophomore offensive tackle, Justin Thompson (left) sits and ponders what went wrong.

VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

Friday, Oct 10

ALASKA FAIRBANKS* ELLENSBURG
7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct 11

ALASKA ANCHORAGE* ELLENSBURG
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Thursday, Oct 16

at Northwest Nazarene* Nampa, Idaho 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct 18

at Seattle* Seattle 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct 25

at Saint Martin's* Lacey 7 p.m.

Friday, Oct 31

WESTERN WASHINGTON*
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Saturday, Nov 1

SEATTLE PACIFIC* ELLENSBURG 7 p.m.

Friday, Nov 7

at Alaska Anchorage* Anchorage, Alaska 7:05 p.m.

Saturday, Nov 8

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*Denotes league games

Central set to spike Alaska teams

by P.J. Larson
Staff reporter

With leaves changing colors and football season stealing the spotlight, let us not forget about the women playing volleyball inside Nicholson Pavillion.

The Central Washington University volleyball team returned three Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC) players and with a 5-10 record (4-3 GNAC) the Wildcats hope to reach the ultimate prize.

"Our goal is to take first in conference," senior outside hitter, captain Julie Roberts said.

She thinks this year's Wildcats team has a good chance to take the conference.

The other returning players are senior middle-blocker Gita Burke and junior setter Kate Reome. Reome is number two on the school's all-time assists list and is on pace to set the record during her junior campaign.

The Wildcats have strengths that Coach Mario Andaya emphasizes.

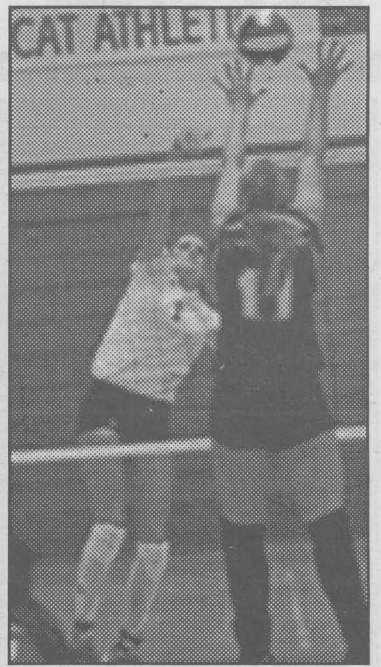
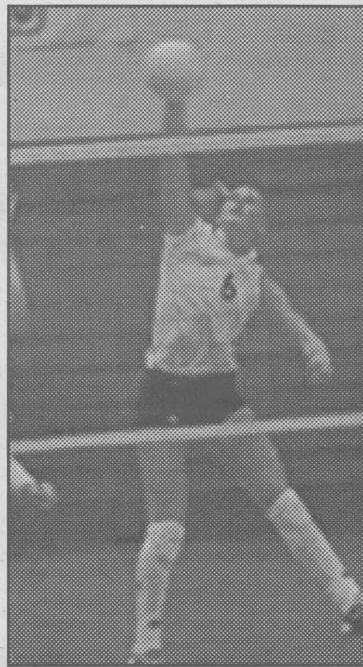
"The women go after the ball really hard and don't let it hit the ground" Andaya said. "They play really hard ball."

To accomplish this season's goal, the Wildcats have developed a strategy.

"We have to be prepared for every match, know the opponent and play our style of volleyball," Andaya said.

Central opened the 2003 season in San Bernardino, Calif. for the Radisson Coyote Classic and faced two national powerhouses in third-ranked California State San Bernardino and sixth-ranked University of California San Diego during the tournament.

The Wildcats learned a little more about their depth on the road trip.



photos by Joe Whiteside / Observer

Gita Burke (6) and LeAnne McGahuey (1) each spike home a point during separate matches earlier this year

"The young kids had an opportunity to play and gel together," Andaya said. "The upper class is doing a good job bringing along the other kids. The younger kids are stepping up into more mature roles."

The Wildcats played without Roberts, who was coming off knee surgery.

This weekend Central will take on the two schools from Alaska, the University of Alaska-Fairbanks Nanooks and the University of Alaska-Anchorage Seawolves.

Alaska-Fairbanks heads into Friday's action with an 8-4 record (5-2 GNAC).

"They have good athletes, are well coached and competitive," Nanooks Coach Phil Shoemaker said, referring to the Wildcat team. "They will be

exciting games."

The Nanooks were picked to finish second in the coaches' poll of the conference and have two returning all-GNAC players, senior setter Candice Smith and junior middle-blocker Carlin Smith.

Alaska-Anchorage comes into Saturday's game with a 10-5 record (4-3 GNAC). The Seawolves return two all-GNAC players from last year's squad, senior setter Kasey Kuepler, who just earned her 2,000 assist, and senior middle-blocker Starr Burgan.

Andaya thinks the two home games are important for the Wildcats.

"[We need to] take these teams down especially at home," Andaya said.

Soccer sits in league cellar

by Stephanie Hogan
Staff reporter

A frustrated Central Washington University soccer team committed 19 fouls in the game against Western Oregon University on Oct. 5.

The Central women's soccer team is currently 2-10 overall with no conference wins.

Central has lost seven consecutive games, with the last six being shutouts.

"It is frustrating, but I always come out to games optimistic," senior goalkeeper Jillyan Boyer said.

Central is having a tough time dribbling the ball up the field to get off shots. Central will need to pull together good passes and shots in the upcoming games to compete with the rest of the conference.

"Our defense is awesome, but we are lacking transition on top and getting in to score goals," Boyer said.

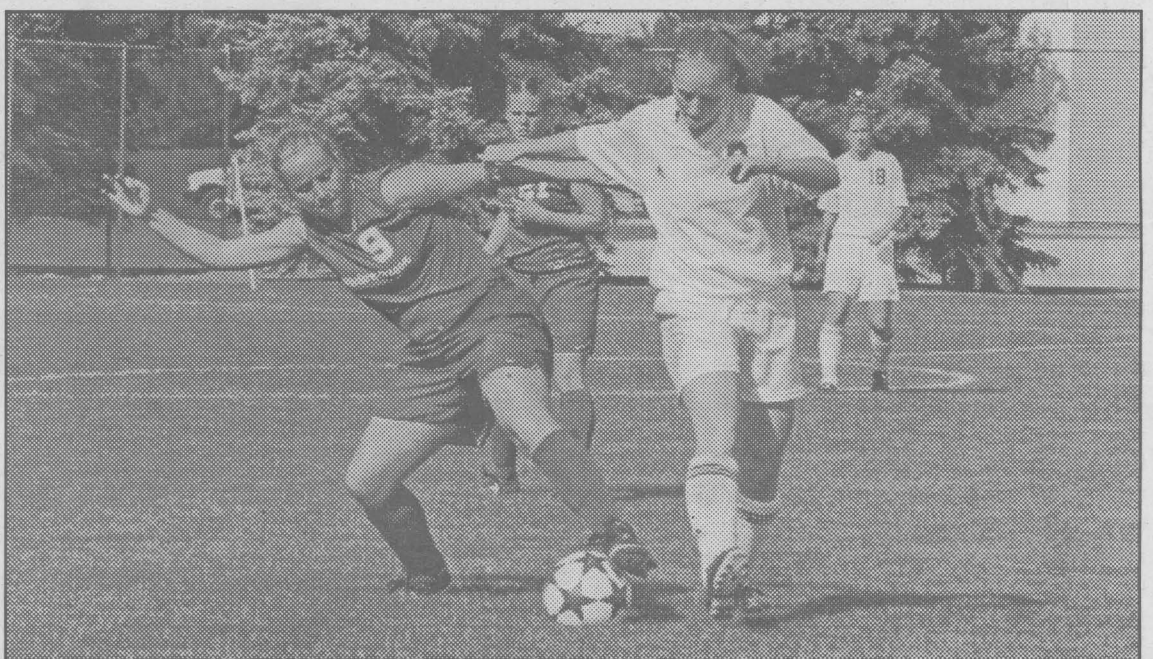
Last Sunday the Wildcats hosted Western Oregon University. Western, however, extended Central's losing streak to 7 games in a row, defeating Central 5-0. The Wildcats have been outscored for the season, 30-7.

Freshman forward Amanda Malik had half of Central's shots; unfortunately Central only took 4 shots on goal compared to the 20 shots Western fired off.

"Offensively we had a hard time putting it together, we didn't connect passes well and that is usually our strong point," Malik said.

This Saturday the Wildcats will host Carroll College in a non-conference match-up. Central will need to focus on getting more shots off in order to snap their losing streak.

"We need to do what we do well, pass and play, we are a much better team than last year," Head Coach Michael Farrand said.



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Freshman defender Megan Tomlinson battles a Western Oregon University player for the ball during Central's 5-0 loss.



by Roxie Cardinal
Staff reporter

Wildcat of the week

Nick Omatsu is the Wildcat of the Week for his outstanding performance at the "Battle in Seattle" last Saturday night at Seahawks Stadium. Omatsu, a senior defensive back from Redmond had two clutch interceptions on top of his already stellar coverage. The first, early in the fourth quarter, was run back for a 40-yard touchdown to give the Wildcats a 29-20 lead. Later in the fourth quarter he caught his second interception in the Vikings' end zone stealing away the Vikings' touchdown, their hope of recovery, and the audience's breath. The "Go Nick" shirts his family wore that night obviously paid off.

Who knows this Wildcat football spark plug better: his girlfriend or his coach? To find out, we picked the fleet-footed interception machine's brain like he picks off passes from Western's sloppy quarterback. Then we asked his longtime girlfriend and his defensive backs coach to guess his answers. Who's dancing in the endzone now?



Nick Omatsu
Wildcat of the Week



Lisa Patnode
Nick's Girlfriend



John Graham
Nick's Coach

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FAVORITE DRINK?	Sprite	Sprite	Milk
MOST EMBARRASSING MOMENT?	In elementary school, my mom was cutting my hair and accidentally cut a chunk out. So, instead of admitting she messed up, she tried to play it off by turning the mark into an 'N' for Nick and tried to tell me it was the new "in thing" for the following school year. It was so embarrassing!	During freshman year of college. Nick was living with a couple of older men (40+) and they tried to take him to the bar. But when the bouncer rejected him, he did it in front of a whole bunch of people and everyone got to watch as Nick walked home by himself.	Oh, his most embarrassing moment would have definitely been when he got beat by me in the 40 yard dash, last year.

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Déjà CWU DAVE HEAVERLO

by Teddy Feinberg
Staff reporter

For the Central Washington University baseball program, the last couple of seasons have had about as many bright spots as Ellensburg's skyline at night. Last year was especially hard for coach Desi Storey and company to stomach. A 0-4 start coupled with being outscored 25-5 in those outings virtually ended the season before it even started for the Wildcats.

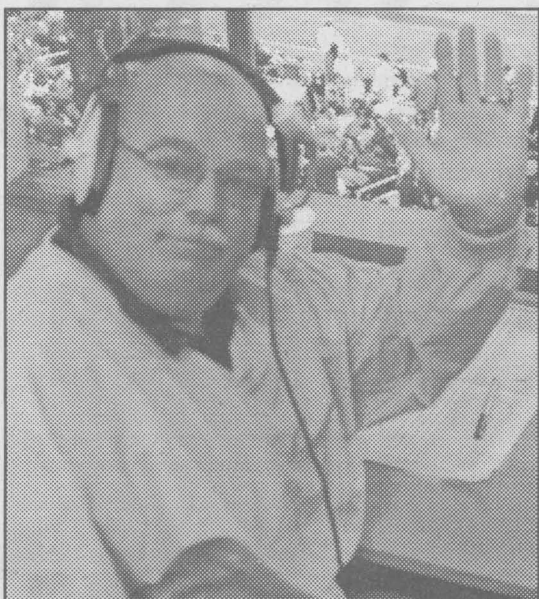
"It was disappointing, just from the fact that our team's talent level was not reflected in our record," relief pitcher Rob Stumph said.

There was an era, however, when pastures were greener on the hardball fields of Central. In 1967, the baseball team qualified for the National tournament in California, and two years later, they again traveled south to compete in the running for the National crown. Coach Gary Frederick inherited a veteran squad, where the players came to Central for one reason...baseball.

"I recruited some good ballplayers," Frederick said. "But the pieces were already very much in place for me when I got here."

Players such as Bill North, Lee Day and Butch Hill led a team that reflected their head coach's scrappy persona. A smart, savvy group, they found ways to win anyway they could.

One surprising cornerstone to the team was one of the youngest players on the roster, pitcher Dave Heaverlo. Heaverlo, an Ellensburg native, was a smart right-handed pitcher who uti-



lized both sides of the plate, surviving on his knowledge of the game.

"When Dave first came to Central, he was a small kid," Frederick said. "The truth is that he had an uncanny mind for baseball."

Intangibles, confidence and a tremendous work ethic forced people to recognize Heaverlo. Each year he displayed gradual improvement, and when Major League scouts came to Ellensburg to see North and Day, it was the feisty Heaverlo who grabbed their attention.

"Pittsburgh, the Cubs, the Giants, they all came out to see Bill," Heaverlo said. "That gave me a window."

As his junior year approached, the possibility of being drafted to the majors was becoming more of a reality with every game he pitched. That season, the Padres scooped him up in

the third round of the draft and offered him a \$1500 deal. Heaverlo declined.

"I knew I could get more," he said.

In his final game as a Wildcat, Heaverlo tossed a no-hitter, fanning sixteen Eastern Washington batters in the process. The following draft saw the San Francisco Giants make him their number one pick and his life take a complete 180.

"There was nothing like pitching in the big leagues," Heaverlo said. "Growing up in the Columbia Basin, and finding yourself in Yankee Stadium, Fenway Park and Wrigley Field were experiences that will never be duplicated. I dreamed of playing in the majors. To pitch against the best, to play where the best played...it was like dream meeting reality."

Drafted by the Giants, Heaverlo played three years in San Francisco

Catching up with...

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-Dave Heaverlo

and was traded to Oakland in 1977. After two seasons with the Athletics he was shipped to the Mariners in 1980, played sixty games for Seattle, before returning to the A's in his last big league tour. Operating solely out of the bullpen, he compiled 26 wins, 26 losses and 26 saves.

Heaverlo insists that the hardest hitter he ever faced was Pete Rose.

"Every time you went out to face Pete, you were in for a dog fight," Heaverlo said. "Every time Pete came up to the plate, he knew he was going to get on base. He should be in the Hall of Fame, period."

A turning point in Heaverlo's career came in 1981. Playing on an Oakland team that featured a young Ricky Henderson, the A's burned a trail into the playoffs. Oakland's manager, the fiery Billy Martin, kept Heaverlo off of the post-season roster.

That spring training, Heaverlo saw the writing on the wall.

"Billy was a great leader," Heaverlo said. "He gave me an opportunity to manage minor league ball, and I took it."

Heaverlo went to Tacoma where he was the pitching coach for two seasons. He then coached in the California Angels system for a year, before leaving baseball for good.

"I had no bitter feelings about leaving the game," Heaverlo said. "I honestly had lost that passion, that fire."

Times have changed for Dave Heaverlo, as well as the economics of society. His son Jeff pitches for the Mariners Triple A farm team, and received a \$1 million signing bonus from Seattle.

"The day my son signed that bonus, he made more money than I did in my whole career," Heaverlo said.

Times have also changed at Central. Tuition for Heaverlo when he went to Central in the late 1960s? \$68.

Today, Heaverlo hosts his own sports radio show in Moses Lake and is also the broadcaster for Wildcat football games.

As for the baseball team goes, Heaverlo insists that there is a light at the end of the tunnel. He witnessed a time when Central struck fear in the eyes of their opponents, and believes that greater days are in store for the Wildcats. From afar he watches, trying to bring some magic back to the diamond where he once played.

Cross Country comes up short

Men finish 12th, Women finish 8th

by Rachel Guillermo
Staff reporter

Even with temperatures dropping and people starting to bundle up, students still see the cross country team training. With short shorts and running shoes, Central Washington University Wildcats are running in full force.

Central has competed in three meets so far this season. The third meet was on Sept. 27 at the Sundodger Invitational Classic in Seattle, where Central student Brandy Anderson, sophomore finished 24th overall with a time of 18:46 on the five-kilometer course. Alicen Maier, senior placed 36th with a time of 19:01. Stephanie Stine, junior also placed in the top 50 for CWU, crossing the line 45th with a time of 19:14.

"It was our first week with Alicen (Maier), so we finally had a complete squad going today," coach Kevin Adkisson said. "We are starting to get to full strength, and overall we had a solid showing with our top finishers."

Maier injured her foot in the spring and missed the first two meets of the year.

"Alicen, along with some other girls, have been doing really well this season," junior Emily Picinich said.

“...we should be a contending force.”

Matt Schmitt
Assistant Coach

"And I think it's really good because it kind of pushes the group."

The Central women finished eighth out of 18 teams. British Columbia and Simon Fraser finished as the top two squads in the women's team events.

On the men's team, senior Jason Porter was the only top 50 runner for Central, finishing 49th with a time of 26:24 on the eight-kilometer course. Junior, Phil Paul, finished in 53rd place with a time of 26:38. Senior Jason Bush, freshman, Steve Lehman, freshman Steve Frausto, and junior Mike Pankiewicz, followed in a pack, all finishing in the mid-27 minute range.

"We ran strong in this last meet," Assistant Coach Matt Schmitt said. "We were waiting for all our men to

be eligible for the season and now that we are we should be a contending force."

The Central men finished 12th out of 19 teams, while rival Western Washington University claimed the men's team title in the open event.

"It was a chance for us to see what we could do on a faster course," Schmitt said. "We're mainly running as a team to see how we will place on our 10k distance and prepare for our meet on homecoming weekend."

Central expected to compete last weekend at the Big Cross Invitational in Pasco, but the meet was canceled.

Central's next competition will be held this weekend at the Western Washington Invitational in Bellingham. The event will have a longer course than the first two meets. The women will be competing on an 8k course instead of their usual 5k, while the men will be competing on a 10k course instead of an 8k course.

"We have a lot of really good freshmen this season, but they aren't experienced," Pankiewicz said. "It's a re-building year for us, so we're hoping for a really strong team next season. But all the same, I think we will do well."

FOOTBALL: Team looks to build on win

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The future holds aspirations of another GNAC championship for the Wildcats, but only if the team manages to beat Humboldt State University (HSU).

"Right after the Western game coaches were already talking about our next game," senior wide receiver Josh Lopez said. "Basically it's a one game season - meaning we need to move on and prepare for our next big game against Humboldt. We just want to go 1-0 against Humboldt and give the homecoming crowd a good show."

After completing an undefeated regular season and advancing to the first round of the NCAA Division II playoffs in 2002, Central's football team entered this season with high hopes and a sense of confidence.

The team's projected success was highlighted when Sports Illustrated ranked the Wildcats first in the nation for a Division II school.

Senior quarterback Zack Hill, junior wide receiver Brian Potucek and junior offensive tackle Evan Picton were also chosen as pre-season NCAA Division II All-Americans by Don Hansen's Football Gazette, a well recognized

authority on small college football.

Prior to the "Battle in Seattle," Central encountered a few disappointments during their first four games, including losses to both Carroll College, and Division-I Eastern Washington University. Aside from losing two games, Central also lost two critical players to injuries. Junior wide receiver Brian Potucek is out with a torn ACL which ends the season for the pre-season All-American. And previously named GNAC defensive player of the week, junior defensive tackle Marlo Airhart is out with a shoulder injury.

"My role now is to support the team and to continue being a leader," Potucek said. "I'm showing the young guys that you can come back from an injury like this. All I can do now is keep my head up and be positive."

Ranked eighth the NCAA Division II West Regional Poll, Central must make its way to the top four in order to qualify for the NCAA Division II National Championship.

Come watch the Wildcats defend their 2002 GNAC championship in the Homecoming game, against HSU. Kickoff is at 1 p.m. on Oct. 18 at Tomlinson Field.

Swimming in deep water

by Aaron Miller
Staff reporter

Funding problems and new coaches have Central Washington University's swim team treading in rough water. Swimmers and coaches agree they need to focus on swimming, not the issues surrounding the future of the team.

"It affects the team because they do not know if there will be a team next year," assistant coach Todd Thurnau, junior mechanical engineering major said. "But we have to focus on the year and not worry about what is happening outside of the pool. We have to make swimming our priority."

Central's initial concern was to fill the vacant coaching spot left by Candi Eslinger. They searched from within finding a former Central swimmer to take Eslinger's place. Jesse Weston, senior exercise science major, heads the new coaching staff after swimming and being an assistant coach for Central. The coaching position is one of two athletic programs to have part-time coaches allowing for students to be employed in those spots.

"I wanted to coach," Weston said. "I love the town and the chance was there so I took it. It's the first team that I'm the coach of. I am looking forward to the chance to coach at the college level."

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Todd Thurnau
junior swimmer

The team has made a comfortable transition to their new coach and many agree that positive changes are already happening.

"I've known Jesse for three years and I think he will do a great job," captain Michelle Biwer, senior graphic design major, said. "He pays attention to everyone, and he makes sure to keep us informed of what is going on as far as the state of

the team goes."

The swim program is one of the athletic programs facing the possibility of losing funding.

"Because of the dwindling number of programs in the region we may not be able to offer it for financial or competition reasons," Central sports information director Jonathan Gordon said. "More things are being cut out of higher education because the money isn't there."

Central is the only school in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference to fund a swim program. This increases costs and distance of travel to competitions because Central must go outside of the GNAC in order to compete, a lot of which is paid for through fundraisers or by the athletes themselves.

"Travel expenses take up 66 percent of our budget," assistant coach Evan Shute, junior exercise science major, said.

Although finances are an issue, Shute still has a positive outlook on the year and being part of a new coaching staff.

"We think we can come in, step up and put together a program that we have a lot of confidence in," Shute said.

What Mojo?

by Andrew Grinaker
Asst. editor

Frustration and disappointment are the only two words that come to my mind when describing the Seattle Mariners 2003 season.

Since the outfield seats in the Kingdome to the beautiful Safeco field, I have been a die hard Mariners fan. And if you are too, you know they have had some bad seasons. But this was, by far, the most frustrating yet. The Mariners started the season strong, leading the division by five games at the All-Star break. Then they played sub .500 for the rest of the year and skipped out of the playoffs. Of course there were some definite positives to the 2003 season. The Mariners set the major league record with the fewest errors ever committed; Jamie Moyer had a Cy Young caliber season, and first year manager Bob Melvin won just as many games as Lou Piniella the year before. But after the disappointing season, I have compiled some "what if" statements that could have made this season more interesting and certainly less frustrating.

What if Mike Cameron's homeruns (18) and runs batted in (76), aren't his lowest totals since joining the Mariners?

What if Pat Gillick made a big move at the trading deadline and got the player we needed to put us over the hump?

What if Jeff Cirillo actually hit water if he fell out of a boat?

What if the Mariners hit more homeruns than the Tigers, the team that lost 119 games?

What if Kaz Sasaki doesn't strain his ribs "lifting his luggage?"

What if John Olerud doesn't have his lowest batting average (.269) in 13 years?

What if Ryan Franklin doesn't allow the most homeruns (34) in the American League?

What if Ichiro's batting average doesn't drop forty points in the second half of the season?

What if the Mariners beat the Devil Rays, Orioles, Rangers, and Angels when they were supposed to?

The answer to all of them is you just never know. After watching this season, frustrating inning after frustrating inning, I can look forward to the next few months and sum up the off season in two words: GO SEAHAWKS!!

"People ask me what I do in winter when there's no baseball. I'll tell you what I do. I stare out the window and wait for spring."

-Hall of Famer Rogers Hornsby

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